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The American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway at 156th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

This organization, which acts as the Washington Information Bureau for a large number of newspapers throughout the United States, is in receipt of frequent requests from readers of our newspapers asking where they may obtain authoritative valuations on old coins, often submitting such coins to us. We are not, of course, in position to give valuations.

These readers state that when they submit queries or coins to coin dealers asking for valuations, they receive no replies, or else merely a printed notice advertising the coin catalogues offered for sale by such dealers.

Can you advise us how interested people may obtain authoritative valuations of old coins? A stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Your courtesy in the matter will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Frederick M. Kerby*  
per LF Editor.

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Sept. 28, 1937

Mr. Frederick M. Kerby,  
Newspaper Information Service Inc.,  
1013 13th St.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kerby:

We ourselves, being a Museum, do not put values on old coins. We know of no one who really does this service without charge. If the various dealers did it, they would be swamped with correspondence that would bring in no returns for them, as nearly every letter written on this subject is about coins that have no premium value.

For a while the American Numismatic Association did this. Whether they do so now or not I cannot say. By writing to the Secretary, Mr. Harry T. Wilson, 535 N. Sawyer Ave., Garfield Park Station, Chicago, Ill., he can inform you concerning this.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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